

I am in agreement with most of this proposal. I am totally against eliminating Morse code proficiency testing for the General and Extra class licenses, but I am all for granting the holders of no-code licenses limited HF phone privileges. Limited HF privileges for no-code licensees would encourage many to learn CW and upgrade to General and Extra.

RM-10805 would provide basically for a codeless "General Lite" class of license. What the petitioner refers to as a "Technician Plus" class of license shouldn't be confused with the former "Technician Plus" class of license, which today is known as "Technician with Morse Code".

What I disagree with is a flat across-the-board top 50 KHz of General privileges. This would work well with the 15, 20 and 80-meter bands, but the 40-meter band is so small that the proposed Technician Plus license class would be granted most of the privileges granted to the General class. The existing General class has phone privileges from 7.225 MHz to 7.300 MHz. The petitioner wishes to grant the proposed Technician Plus class privileges from 7.250 MHz to 7.300 MHz. Due to the limited size of the 40-meter band, I feel that the proposed Technician Plus class should be granted privileges from 7.270 MHz through 7.300 MHz, or the top 30 KHz of the phone privileges of the General class for this band.

I would also modify the petitioner's request regarding privileges on the 10-meter band. Instead of the top 50 KHz on 10-meters, I would grant the new proposed Technician Plus license class the same privileges granted to the Novice and Technician with Morse Code classes - 28.300 MHz to 28.500 MHz.

The petitioner also indicated that no privileges should be granted on 17, 30 and 60-meters due to band size limitations. I feel that the privileges should not include the 12-meter band either, as it is just as small as the 17-meter band. As for 30-meters, no phone privileges are granted to any class of license, anyway. All amateur privileges on 30-meters are restricted to CW and digital modes only.

My modified version of this proposal would grant the proposed Technician Plus class of license phone privileges as follows:

80m 3.950 MHz to 4.000 MHz  
40m 7.270 MHz to 7.300 MHz  
20m 14.300 MHz to 14.350 MHz  
15m 21.400 MHz to 21.450 MHz  
10m 28.300 MHz to 28.500 MHz

I would also grant this proposed Technician Plus class of license all digital and CW privileges currently granted to the Novice and Technician with Morse Code classes of license. It would give the new license class places on HF to learn, practice and use CW, which would facilitate their ability to upgrade to General.

Respectfully Yours,

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